



**CITY OF BRAWLEY
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
September 18, 2018**

The Parks and Recreation Department of the City of Brawley, California met in a regular session at 12:00 PM, Lions Center Small Meeting Room, 225 A Street, Brawley, California, the date, time and place duly established for the holding of said meeting.

The meeting was called to order by: Garcia 12:09pm

PRESENT: Benavides, Estrada, Jauregui, Garcia, Hamby, Colace

ABSENT: Miller, Cornejo

STAFF: Moore, Perez, Mello, Self

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as submitted m/s/c: Estrada/Colace

2. PUBLIC APPEARANCES/COMMENTS: None

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Parks and Recreation Committee minutes for June 12, 2018 were approved as submitted. m/s/c: Benavides/Jauregui

4. REGULAR BUSINESS

a. **Update on Senior Center and Hinojosa Park Project:**

Mello invited the Parks & Recreation Commission to the Open House of the newly renovated Senior Center on October 16, 2018 at 10:00am. Perez stated the Seniors and Catholic Charities Nutrition Program were moved back into the Center September 10, 2018. The Department received a donation of benches and trash bins from a local business. The plan is to install benches in the grass area for the Seniors to have seating as they wait for the bus. Garcia suggested some type of padding for the top of the benches for comfort. Perez suggested the Seniors could make a project of cushions for the seating. Perez also reported the Senior Get Together Club once had a community garden, but it went by the wayside because there was a lack of volunteers. The group would like to start the garden again. Perez mentioned the City does not have staff to assist in maintaining the garden, therefore it must be done through volunteers. The Club stated they had someone that would do the maintenance. Garcia suggested maybe some High School

students could assist to fulfill their community service hours for High School. Benavides asked if Brawley Beautification could help? Moore said they disbanded and gave the City the remaining funds they had.

Perez asked if there should be a student representative for the Commission? Moore said it was difficult for a student to attend noon meetings. Self asked if they go through the application process and Moore responded a student could be appointed. Perez suggested maybe a member of the Agriculture Class. Garcia said Brawley High School has a student Representative that attends their meetings. He would ask to see if a student could be appointed to the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Hinojosa Park, Del Rio Fields and Guadalupe Field were seeded, and the Parks crew are attempting to grow grass on the patched areas. The soccer clubs were relocated to Gereaux Park and they all have one day per week for practice.

Jauregui asked if Jeff Thornton Park got fertilized and seeded? Perez stated it was fertilized but not seeded. Maybe one day Thornton Park could be a JV Field for baseball.

b. Preparation for Cattle Call events:

Moore stated they are on the agenda for City Council approval. The Chair policy will be reported and there will be a press release as well as text media. Also on the agenda there will be a recap of the events and the proposed sale of alcohol and consumption.

Staff is trying to create awareness of costs for traffic control (this will be reported on as well). The events will be:

November 3, 2018	Chili Cook-Off	9am-2pm
November 7, 2018	Mariachi Night	6pm-10pm
November 10, 2018	Parade	9am-2pm

Mariachi Night set up is going to be a little different this year. It will be the same set up as the concert event the previous year. With the stage being as far back as possible on the street. Colace asked if the City hires extra help and do they trim trees? Perez answered the focus for the Parks extra help will be cleaning up Cotton Rosner Drive and the Terraces at Cattle Call.

For informational purposes: the bleachers will begin arriving this week.

Colace asked what does the Chamber do? Moore mentioned they coordinate parade, get vendors, coordinate events for the Rodeo.

c. Soccer registration in progress:

Self reported we're on the last days of registration, the fee is \$40.00/\$50.00 (non-resident of Brawley). The Fee pays for the uniform, referees and equipment. There are different divisions:

- 4-5-year-old play at Del Rio Field
- 6-7-year-old play at Gonzales Park
- 8-9-year-old play at Hinojosa Park
- 10-11-year-old play at Alyce Gereaux

We are still looking for coaches and the season is projected to run mid-October through the first week of December 2018.

d. Discussion for Movie Night at the Lions Center:

Self reported we will be having a movie night when winter break arrives for the school district. Projected day is December 21, 2018 and we are asking for suggestions with selecting a movie. We have it down to two choices and they are not Christmas movies:

Hotel Transylvania 2 or Toy Story. Estrada stated a Christmas movie would be better like "Elf" and he would provide the sound system. Self commented there is some subject matter that is questionable and is not aware of the rating or how long it is. We are shooting for one hour twenty minutes – thirty minutes. Colace mentioned showing "The Star". Self mentioned that was one of her first picks but because of the subject matter of the story, she wasn't sure if we could show it. Moore didn't think it should be an issue but will ask JPIA.

e. Summer Statistics and report given to council:

Self presented stats for Summer Programs.

f. Update from City Manager, Rosanna B. Moore for items at City Council:

The Council approved the MOU with the Brawley Boys & Girls Club. They will be using the Teen Center Tuesday through Thursday 4pm- 7pm to run Teen programs such as homework, play station, etc.

Council approved the Pool heating project to replace heaters and place a CO2 tank. Moore will be sending invites to both BUHS and IVDA to assist in the offset of costs.

Volunteer Park Phase II will be awarded. Pyramid Construction was the lowest bidder out of 4 bidders. ICAPCD grants \$286,952.00/Maintenance Fund \$40,962.58

The Tree Lighting Ceremony will be on Wednesday, December 6, 2018 at 6:00pm. Local kindergarten classes will perform, Parks crew lights the surrounding trees and a large artificial tree is placed in the center of the Kiosk.

5. COMMISSION REPORTS

ADJOURNMENT @ 1:08pm. m/s/c: Benavides/Colace

Next meeting is Tuesday October 16, 2018 at the Senior Center 12pm.

Rachel Zepeda, Administrative Secretary